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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES PERMIT-BUT-DISCLOSE *EX PARTE* STATUS FOR GN DOCKET NO. 10-66 (JOINT STATEMENT ON BROADBAND) AND THAT GN DOCKET NO. 09-51 (A NATIONAL BROADBAND PLAN FOR OUR FUTURE) REMAINS SUBJECT TO PERMIT-BUT-DISCLOSE PROCEDURES

**GN Docket No. 09-51
GN Docket No. 10-66**

By: Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau

It has been brought to our attention that some confusion may exist concerning the *ex parte* status of the Joint Statement on Broadband adopted on March 16, 2010.¹ Consistent with our authority under section 1.1200 of the Commission's rules,² we therefore designate GN Docket No. 10-66 as a permit-but-disclose proceeding. Designating GN Docket No. 10-66 as a permit-but-disclose proceeding is consistent with our decision last year to designate the proceeding that led to the issuance of the National Broadband Plan as a permit-but-disclose proceeding,³ and will promote transparency in the agency's processes.

In addition, under section 1.1200 of the Commission's rules,⁴ we determine that presentations to the Commission regarding the National Broadband Plan should remain subject to our permit-but-disclose rules. The Plan itself was prepared in an open and transparent way, and we would like to continue this openness and transparency as we begin the proceedings called for by the Plan.

For further information, you may contact Randy Clarke, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-1500 or TTY (202) 418-0484.

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¹ *Joint Statement on Broadband*, GN Docket No. 10-66, FCC 10-42 (rel. Mar. 16, 2010).

² 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200.

³ See *A National Broadband Plan for Our Future*, GN Docket No. 09-51, Notice of Inquiry, 24 FCC Rcd 4342,4381, para.125 (2009).

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200.